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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 5 and 6 are withdrawn.

Claim 1. (currently amended): A method of imprinting sand ~~or~~
~~snow~~ comprising:

providing a sand die comprising:

a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

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a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; and

a handle attached to said plate on the surface not attached to said detail blades;

placing the sand die over the sand ~~or~~ ~~snow~~;

pressing the sand die into the sand ~~or~~ ~~snow~~; and

removing the sand die from the sand ~~or~~ ~~snow~~; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

Claim 2. (currently amended): A method of imprinting sand ~~or~~
~~snow~~ comprising:

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providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further having a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

placing the sand die over the sand ~~or snow~~;

pressing the sand die into the sand ~~or snow~~; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

Claim 3. (currently amended): A method of imprinting sand ~~or snow~~ comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches;

placing the sand die over the sand ~~or snow~~;

pressing the sand die into the sand ~~or snow~~; and

removing the sand die from the sand ~~or snow~~; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

Claim 4. (currently amended): A method of imprinting sand ~~or snow~~ comprising:

providing a sand die having a plurality of detail blades depending from a plate, said detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

placing the sand die over the sand ~~or snow~~;

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pressing the sand die into the sand ~~or snow~~; and
removing the sand die from the sand ~~or snow~~; wherein an
imprint is left in the sand.

Claim 7. (new): A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die comprising:

a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

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a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; and

a handle attached to said plate on the surface not attached to said detail blades;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.

Claim 8. (new): A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further having a

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plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.

Claim 9. (new): A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.

Claim 10. (new): A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a plurality of detail blades depending from a plate, said detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.